

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

COTTON

Committee on Agriculture: Committee met in executive session on H. R. 9134, to increase farm income and to expand markets for cotton by enabling cotton to be sold competitively in domestic and foreign markets, and deferred action on the bill until January 15, 1958.

Monday, August 12, 1957

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate cleared for President bill on Niagara power, passed military construction bill, and passed 38 sundry bills on call of calendar.

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Routine Proceedings, pages 14358-14375, 14391-14397

Bills Introduced: 11 bills and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2758-2768; and S. Res. 182.

Pages 14359, 14457

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1746, conveyance of certain property in Gulfport, Miss., to a school district, with amendment (S. Rept. 845);

H. R. 38, to amend the Tariff Act to provide for the temporary free importation of casein (S. Rept. 846);

H. R. 1953, relating to forwarding of Veterans' Administration benefit checks (S. Rept. 847);

H. R. 2237, relating to transfer of land at Johnson City, Tenn. (S. Rept. 848);

H. R. 3658, relative to eligibility of widows for Veterans' Administration benefits (S. Rept. 849);

H. R. 4098, relating to transfer of land at Los Angeles, Calif. (S. Rept. 850);

H. R. 5757, to increase amount payable by VA for shipping personal property of deceased veteran (S. Rept. 851);

H. R. 5924, to amend the Tariff Act to provide for duty-free entry of samples and advertising material and films to implement international conventions (S. Rept. 852);

H. R. 8705, relating to duty-free imports for exhibition at St. Lawrence Seaway Celebration (S. Rept. 853);

H. R. 2842, to amend the Tariff Act by including tanning-material extracts on the duty-free list, with amendments (S. Rept. 854); and

H. R. 7096, to amend the Tariff Act with respect toistle or Tampico fiber, with amendments (S. Rept. 855).

Pages 14358-14359

Call of Calendar: On call of calendar, 38 measures, of which 29 were private, were passed, as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

Indians: H. R. 4830, to authorize revision of the tribal roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina;

Mirage Flats irrigation: H. R. 5679, authorizing amendment of irrigation repayment contract of December 28, 1950, between U. S. and Mirage Flats Irrigation District, Nebraska; and

Private bills: 11 private bills: H. R. 1473, 1861, 2264, 2674, 2740, 2928, 2937, 2985, 3723, 6527, 3473.

With amendment, to be sent back to House:

Florida refuge: H. R. 1058, to preserve the key deer and other wildlife resources in the Florida Keys;

Breach of contract: H. R. 232, to amend the Internal Revenue Code regarding readjustment of tax in the case of certain amounts received for breach of contract (motion to reconsider tabled); and

Private bills: 2 private bills: H. J. Res. 339 and H. R. 5168.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Whitman Monument: S. 1118, to facilitate the development of the Whitman National Monument, Wash.;

Wyoming irrigation: S. 1996, to approve contract with Casper-Alcova Irrigation District, Kendrick project, Wyoming; and

Private bills: 10 private bills: S. 1110, 1456, 1467, 1867, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1993, 2111, 2498.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Massachusetts land: S. 1113, conveyance of certain lands to city of Gloucester, Mass.;

Bear River: S. 1086, granting consent and approval of Congress to a Bear River compact;

Maine land: S. 319, providing for conveyance of certain lands to State of Maine; and

Private bills: 6 private bills: S. 527, 1284, 1660, 2018, 1649, 2040.

Pages 14375-14389

Foreign Aid: A collection of excerpts and a bibliography on U. S. aid to foreign countries, compiled by Legislative Reference Service of Library of Congress, was ordered to be printed as a Senate document.

Pages 14360-14361

Air Carrier Loans: By 72 yeas to 9 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Senate again passed with committee amendments S. 2229, to provide for Government guaranty of private loans to certain air carriers for purchase of aircraft and equipment, after adopting, by unanimous consent, Lausche motion to reconsider the passage on Friday, August 9, of this bill with committee amendments.

Pages 14372, 14402-14407

Former Senator George: S. Res. 182, providing for memorial addresses on the life and services of the late former Senator George was adopted, and pursuant thereto, numerous such addresses were delivered.

Pages 14407-14427

Nomination Recommitted: By unanimous consent, the nomination of Victor M. Milligan, to be postmaster at Ketchikan, Alaska, was recommitted to Committee on Post Office and Civil Service for the holding of hearings thereon.

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Military Installations Construction: Senate passed (with committee amendment in the nature of a substitute) H. R. 8240, to authorize certain construction at military installations.

Pages 14428-14437

Niagara Power: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for President H. R. 8643, authorizing the construction of certain works of improvement in the Niagara River for power. Prior to this action, Senate rejected 3 amendments by Senator Clark, (1) by 30 yeas to 48 nays, to strike the word "reasonable" from requirement that licensee shall make available a certain portion of project power for use within reasonable economic transmission distance, (2) providing that 20 percent of the total project power may be made available to neighboring States rather than 20 percent of the project power subject to preference provisions, (3) to put a floor as well as a ceiling on amount of power that may be made available to neighboring States, and

rejected Carroll amendment setting maximum availability of power for use in neighboring States at 25 percent rather than 20 percent.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed was tabled and S. 2406, companion bill, was indefinitely postponed.

Pages 14437-14456

Federal Employees' Life Insurance: Senate made its unfinished business S. 2127, to amend Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Act relating to reductions in amounts of insurance of persons over age 65.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 10:40 p. m.

Committee Meetings

ONION FUTURES

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Subcommittee held and concluded hearings on S. 778 and S. 1514, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prohibit trading in onion futures in commodity exchanges, with favoring testimony from Senators Neuberger and Morse, Representative Pfost, Veril Baldwin, National Onion Association, Stockbridge, Mich., Austin E. Anson, Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers and Shippers, Harlingen, Tex., Joseph S. Shelly, Vegetable Growers Association of America, Warren Farmer, Southwestern Idaho Onion Growers Association, Idaho Growers-Shippers Association and Malheur County Onion Growers Association, Myssa, Oreg., William Blocker, Hollandale Marketing Association, Hollandale, Minn., and Southern Minnesota Vegetable Growers Association, and Allan S. Ritz, Orleans Vegetable Growers Cooperative Association, Batavia, N. Y.; and opposing testimony from Everette B. Harris, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Chester W. Kempley, an onion farmer of Montello, Wis., Roy A. Porter, of Elba, N. Y., John D. Terpstra, president, John D. Terpstra Co., Chicago, and Thomas H. Graves, Kelly-Black Co., Inc., Chicago. Also testifying was Rodger R. Kauffman, Administrator, Commodity Exchange Authority.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued its hearings on H. R. 9131, fiscal 1958 supplemental appropriations bill, with testimony as follows:

Senators Kerr, Monroney, and Yarborough, and statements from Senators Humphrey and Cooper—all in support of funds for emergency conservation measures;

Senators Ellender, Hill, Holland, and Stennis—all in support of need for funds for eradication of fire ant and screwworm;

J. O. Pearce, president of Florida Cattlemen's Association, and T. B. Bennett, Georgia Livestock Association, both of whom supported funds for screwworm eradication;

K. L. Scott, Director, Agricultural Credit Services, and Dr. M. L. Clarkson, Deputy Administrator, Agricul-

tural Research Service, both of whom answered questions of the committee regarding the above items; and

Gwynn Garnett, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, who testified regarding the use of Public Law 480 funds and construction of military housing overseas.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY PAY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee, consisting of Senators Stennis, Byrd, Symington, Saltonstall, and Barrett met in executive session to discuss its program regarding S. 2014, to change the method of computing basic pay for members of the uniformed services, but made no announcements and recessed subject to call.

D. C. MATTERS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee held hearings as follows:

On S. 1590, to amend the D. C. Sales Tax Act so as to exempt from tax sales of food for human consumption off the premises, with favoring testimony from Senators Morse and Javits, the latter of whom filed a statement, William H. Thomas, Federation of Civic Associations, Mrs. Richard Simonson, League of Women Voters for D. C., and Mrs. Beatrice Riedl, ADA, and opposing testimony from Henry Wixon, Assistant D. C. Corporation Counsel, Kenneth Back, D. C. Finance Officer, and Schuyler Lowe, Director of General Administration, D. C.;

On H. R. 8256, to amend the D. C. Income and Franchise Tax Act of 1947, with favoring testimony from William H. Thomas, Henry Wixon, Robert E. McLaughlin, President, D. C. Board of Commissioners, Max Abel, National Association of Retired Civil Employees, and John A. McCart, AFGE, and Howard J. Riordan, D. C. Life Underwriters Assn., Inc., the latter two of whom suggested amendments; and

On H. R. 7863, to amend the D. C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, with favoring testimony from Alan W. Payne, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, D. C., Milford F. Schwartz, attorney, Wholesale Liquor Dealers of Washington, D. C., Hilliard Schulberg, Washington, D. C. Retail Liquor Dealers Association, and Henry T. Gage, Wine Institute; and opposing testimony from Robert E. McLaughlin, Kenneth Back, Guy W. Pearson, D. C. Collector of Taxes, Deputy Chief Edgar E. Scott, Chief of Detectives, Metropolitan Police Department, Clark King, Assistant Corporation Counsel in Charge of Law Enforcement, D. C., and Irving Bryan, Assistant D. C. Corporation Counsel.

BILLS APPROVED

Committee on Finance: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the following:

Without amendment—H. R. 2237, relating to transfer of land at Johnson City, Tenn.; H. R. 4098, relating to transfer of land at Los Angeles, Calif.; H. R. 1953, relat-

ing to forwarding of Veterans' Administration benefit checks; H. R. 5757, to increase amount payable by VA for shipping personal property of deceased veteran; H. R. 3658, relative to eligibility of widows for Veterans' Administration benefits; H. R. 1944, relating to social-security benefits for alien survivors of certain members of the Armed Forces; H. R. 38, to amend the Tariff Act to provide for the temporary free importation of casein; H. R. 2842, to amend the Tariff Act by including tanning-material extracts on the duty-free list; H. R. 5924, to amend the Tariff Act to provide for duty-free entry of samples and advertising material and films to implement international conventions; and H. R. 8705, relating to duty-free imports for exhibition at St. Lawrence Seaway Celebration; and

Amended—S. 1746, conveyance of certain property in Gulfport, Miss., to a school district; H. R. 8821, relating to social-security coverage for State and local employees under certain retirement systems; H. R. 8755, authorizing interstate instrumentality to divide retirement systems for social security purposes (amendment would permit OASI coverage of policemen and firemen in New York, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee); H. R. 8753, authorizing California, Connecticut, and Rhode Island to divide retirement systems for social-security purposes (amendment would include Minnesota); and H. R. 7096, to amend the Tariff Act with respect to istle or Tampico fiber (amended to provide 3-year duty-free period, and to provide for free importation of beta-ray spectrometer for Stanford University).

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs ordered favorably reported to the full committee S. 328, to grant minerals on certain lands in Crow Indian Reservation, Montana, to certain Indians; S. 1091, to stimulate industrial development near Indian reservations; S. 2131, to delay submission of plan for future control of property of Menominee Tribe; H. R. 993, to provide for conveyance of certain land in Washington to Cape Flattery School District; H. R. 1259, a private bill; and H. R. 6521, to repeal the 10-year limitation for filing claims for damages for personal property losses of certain Sioux Indians.

Prior to this action, testimony was received from Representative Laird on S. 2131; from Carl Beck, Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs, on S. 1091; and from H. Rex Lee, Associate Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Lewis Sigler, Office of Solicitor, both of Interior Department, who testified on all bills.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT INVESTIGATION

Select committee on improper activities in the labor or management fields continued its hearings as to such activities in the New York area, having as its witness Anthony Doria, of California, formerly international president of the UAW-AFL.

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EDUCATIONAL LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Special Education began hearings with regard to a Federal education scholarship and loan program, and received testimony from Under Secretary John A. Perkins, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Hearings resume on Thursday, August 15.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 8123 (amended), to facilitate the entry into the U. S. of certain adopted children and other relatives of U. S. citizens.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ANNUITIES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee ordered favorably reported to the full committee

H. R. 607 (amended), to increase annuities payable to certain annuitants from the civil service retirement fund. The amendments are as follows:

Provides a 10 percent across-the-board increase in the annuities of all employees who retired before October 1, 1956, with a maximum increase per person of \$400 a year.

Provides a 10 percent across-the-board increase for survivors with a maximum increase of \$200 per person. The present maximum of \$1,200 for children is retained.

Widow of any retiree or employee who died prior to 1948 will receive one-half of the annuity the retiree was receiving, or the employee would have received, at death, with a maximum of \$750.

Extends 1956 Retirement Act to individuals separated by mandatory retirement before July 31, 1956, with annual leave sufficient to have carried them on the active rolls to July 30, 1956, but for such separation.

Effective date: first day of the second month after enactment.

Cost: approximately \$59 million the first year; \$562 million total cost.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate cleared for President bills on public works appropriations and temporary appropriations, and adopted conference report on mutual security authorization.

Postal rate readjustment bill passed by the House.

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Routine Proceedings, pages 14459-14478

Bills Introduced: 6 bills and 2 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2769-2774; and S. Res. 183-184.

Pages 14460-14461

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 1826, a private bill (S. Rept. 856);

H. R. 5538, to provide that withdrawals, reservations, or restrictions of more than 5,000 acres of U. S. public lands for certain purposes shall not become effective until approved by act of Congress, with amendment (S. Rept. 857);

H. R. 8753, authorizing California, Connecticut, and Rhode Island to divide retirement systems for social-security purposes, with amendments (S. Rept. 858);

H. R. 8755, authorizing interstate instrumentality to divide retirement systems for social-security purposes, with amendments (S. Rept. 859);

H. R. 8821, relating to social-security coverage for State and local employees under certain retirement systems, with amendments (S. Rept. 860);

S. 2757, authorizing construction and operation of re-regulating reservoir at Burns Creek site in Upper Snake River Valley, Idaho (S. Rept. 861);